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**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DEBATE NUMBER ONE – HILLARY CLINTON VS. DONALD J. TRUMP**

**When**: September 26th, 2016 at 9:00 PM. The debate is scheduled to run from 9:00 PM to 10:30 PM.

**Where**: Presidential Debate number one will be take place at Hofstra University, in Hempstead, NY.

**Who**: Hillary Clinton, the Democratic Candidate, and Donald J. Trump, the Republican Candidate, are in. Who are two “third party” candidates who did not qualify for the Presidential Debates? Who are these candidates not allowed to participate in the debates?

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**Who will moderate the first Presidential Debate Monday evening? Does he or she have a political affiliation?**

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After viewing the Presidential Debate – or reading over the transcripts of the debate, which will be posted on line at several news organizations (FOX, ABC, CBS, NBC, and PBS or NPR are usually very reliable places to find an *accurate transcript* – although some of them may also include commentary which belies the bias of their hosts), answer the following questions about the Presidential Debate.

1. Did the moderator of this debate *become the subject of any attacks* on the part of the candidates who have agreed to answer his or her questions? If so, please explain what the candidates suggested or intimated about their bias or lack of objectivity.

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[**NOTE**: *Donald Trump has often complained about the media’s anti-Trump bias, going so far as to launch personal attacks against FOX News anchor Megyn Kelly and to literally remove Jorge Ramos from his press conference asking a question, after telling him repeatedly to “Sit down!” Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton and her campaign blasted NBC’s Matt Lauer for his handling of an interview with both candidates a few weeks ago*.]

2. Did the candidates engage in any name-calling or personal insults during the Presidential Debate?

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3. Did either candidate point out the “special guest” which he or she invited to the debates?

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[**NOTE***: At the time of my writing this questionnaire, Secretary Clinton had invited Mark Cuban – detested rival of Donald Trump in the business world – and Mr. Trump had invited Gennifer Flowers – best known for an affair she had with President Bill Clinton during the 1980s – to the debate. Trump and Pence seemed to be backing out of this this morning; however, Flowers was still planning on attending*.]

4. The First Presidential Debate is set up to include ***six (6) sections*** – each one to last approximately ***15 minutes each*** – on topics which are chosen by the moderator. What were the six (6) topics which were asked about during the Presidential Debate? [If these topics are listed from the outset, write them down now; if they are introduced individually, come back to this question after the debate has ended.]

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**TOPIC FIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Which of the **three (3) topics** selected by the moderator do you consider the ***most important criteria*** by which to measure a President of the United States? Is there a topic which was ***not addressed*** which you wish had been focused on more? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**EVALUATING THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE.** *Choose any two (2) segments of the Presidential Debate.*

*For each of the fifteen minute segments, evaluate the candidates on what they said in response to the questions posed and what they did not say. Especially if they did not answer the question! Obviously, you can’t write down everything; however, you should attempt to “flow” the debate. What are the major arguments advanced by each candidate on each topic? Did they challenge the assertions of their rival during their answer periods? Who’s argument seems to make the most sense?*

**TOPIC FOR FIRST FIFTEEN MINUTE SEGMENT**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Arguments of Mr. Donald J. Trump (R):**

**Arguments of Secretary Hillary Clinton (D):**

ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY SECRETARY HILLARY CLINTON (D)

**Did either of the candidates lie during this section of the Presidential Debate? If so, which candidate and how did they lie? Remember, there are lies of commission, lies of omission, and partial lies…**

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**Which candidate seems to have “won” this section of the debate with their arguments and proposals?**

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**TOPIC FOR SECOND FIFTEEN MINUTE SEGMENT**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Arguments of Mr. Donald J. Trump (R):**

**Arguments of Secretary Hillary Clinton (D):**

ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY SECRETARY HILLARY CLINTON (D)

**Did either of the candidates lie during this section of the Presidential Debate? If so, which candidate and how did they lie? Remember, there are lies of commission, lies of omission, and partial lies…**

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Overall, what was the most ***memorable one-liner, comment, or egregious error*** which took place during the 90-minute debate between Secretary Hillary Clinton and Mr. Donald J. Trump?

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Who was the ***overall winner of the First Presidential Debate***, in your mind? Do most of the media outlets agree with you in the newspapers, television coverage, or radio and internet news reports?

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